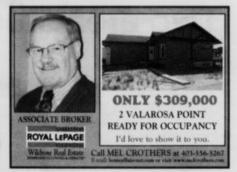
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Council changes waste disposal provider

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

Waste disposal methods are about to change in Didsbury, as town councillors voted last Tuesday, April 23, to start using Can-Pak Environmental Inc. for residential waste, recycling and compost pickup, starting July 1.

The change in service will coincide with the closing of the Didsbury Recycling Centre. So instead of residents dropping off recyclables at the centre, Can-Pak will provide recycling bins, which will be emptied weekly, according to CAO Roy Brown.

The recycling bin system will provide convenience for the residents and withdraw the financial burden taxpayers were seeing as a result of the ongoing clean up of the recycling centre, he said.

Brown thinks the continued abuse of the recycling centre may have played a part in the decision to close it down, though he could not officially speak on council's behalf.

"It was just to

dollar to deter-

ROY BROWN

'If the centre had not been abused, I think council may have been determine value esitant to close it, but for the taxpayer with the amount that they're spending just trying to keep it up and hauling other people's mine if we were trash to the landfill, it's just not fair to the taxgetting the best ayer," he said, noting that the new system will also be easier for resi-

service for the best price," dents in the long run. Speaking as a resi

dent, I do recycle. It's going to be so much more convenient that I just have to take my recycling to my front sidewalk and it's taken care of.

Along with black and green compost bins, residents will also be getting green recycling boxes, he

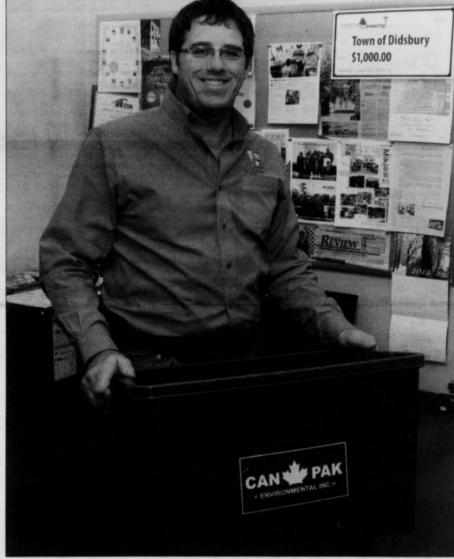
He noted the decision to contract Can-Pak came down to money.

"Basically it came down to dollars and cents," said Brown. "We received four tenders, and after reviewing the tenders, talking to their references, and talking to communities that use the services the various tenders, it came down to dollars and cents.

Just like every other service town administration uses, such as engineers, auditors and contractors, which are selected every couple years based on price, he noted that comparing prices for waste disposal was business as usual.

"It was just to determine value for the taxpayer dollar to determine if we were getting the best service for the best price," he said, noting that town waste is currently serviced by the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission.

Recycling and bins will be collected weekly at residents' curbsides, with virtually no changes to the biweekly black bin pickup schedule, he noted, though he added there will be a difference in compost bin



Mayor Brian Wittal shows off one of the new recycling bins that residents will be using this summer. Can-Pak will be taking over the care of Didsbury's waste disposal services this July.

From April until the end of October, there will be bi-weekly pickup of green compost bins and then residents will be asked to keep their compost in their bins from November to March with no pickup,

Due to the cold weather, there will be no odours and the savings to residents will be significant, he added.

For large quantities of recyclables that exceed the capacity of the recycling bins, the Didsbury Landfill, run by the Mountain View Regional Waste Commission, will continue to accept garbage and recyclables, he added.

During the next two months, residents will be receiving more information of the new services that will be provided, according to officials.

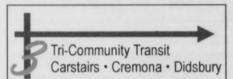


Two area students receive RCM awards

Top Note Music School has hosted many students and countless lessons over the years, but not many of them get a prestigious award from the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM).

Sixteen-year-old Carstairs resident Jordan Lawson teaches drums and piano at Top Note, and received a gold medal from the RCM for achieving the highest grade in Grade 6 Percussion at a provincial grading last fall.

Lawson received his award with another Top Note student from Olds, Brant Wilson. Both received a gold medal for top marks in their grade for percus sion at the Epcor Centre in Calgary on April 14. The key, said Lawson, is "definitely practice."



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hard work and sometimes just having a lot of time to work on (exam preparation) beforehand."

For the exam, he said he needed to be familiar with drum kits, snare drum rhythms, know the bell kit,

and technical aspects of drumming.

He did the best he could in the test, but had no idea

that he would be getting such a rare award, he said.
"I honestly didn't expect that I would get it, so it actually meant a lot when Teena (Wilks, the owner of Top Note) told me I was getting awarded with it When she showed me the email, it was pretty cool," he noted.

Lawson has been playing drums for three years and piano for seven, and said this award will help him in his musical career - noting that he is not in a band at this point.

"If I can tell people that I got this award for being top in the bracket, it would definitely help a little bit, because even my music teacher at Hugh Sutherland only knows two people - me being one of them - who have ever gotten one of these awards."

He added that the RCM only gives out one of thes

awards per grade, per instrument in the province.
Teena Wilks, manager and owner of Top Note
Music School, said she is excited for Lawson.
"It's a great achievement," said Wilks. "Any mark
over 80 (per cent) in Grade 6 is a high mark.

"He played very well and he had the right level of theory to be qualified for a gold medal with the RCM and they're not given out very often."

The last time one of her students received a medal as about eight years ago and that was a silver medal

for second-highest in Alberta, she added.

"(Lawson and Wilson) were well-honoured at the Epcor Centre and had a nice reception at the Royal Conservatory, which flew out some representatives. It was kind of cool that they got noticed," she added. Wilson, who attends Deer Meadow School in Olds,

aid it was a nice ceremony and is excited to kick off his music career with such a prestigious award.

"I'm very excited," said Wilson. "I'm proud of myself and it's just a good kick start to keep

going." He's been drumming

a year, he noted.

"When we start practicing for our exam we get a whole bunch of sheets of what we have to do. So I got two drum set pieces and I had to learn a whole bunch of scales, kind of like on piano, and then I had to play a song on piano and a couple things like that."

The percussion grades go up to Grade 8, and he said he skipped Grades 2 and 3 and is going to be taking the Grade 4 exam this year.

He picked up drums really easily, he said, adding that the teaching system Top Note utilizes definitely

helped him learn.

"The setup Tina has for teaching is just amazing. She's an amazing teacher," he added.



Jordan Lawson poses with his award on April 14.

Award-winning artists come to Didsbury

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

Area residents had the rare chance to see award-winning artists perform in town earlier this month, as Valdy, Gary Fjellgaard, and The Great Plains - also known as Saskia and Darrel put on a concert in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial

Complex on Thursday, April 11.
Kathleen Windsor, president of the
Mountain View Arts Society (MVAS),
which organized the event, said 160
people attended and that the show

was very well-received.
"Everyone had so much fun," said Windsor. "They were singing and clapping, laughing and crying.

"People really appreciated that we brought these Canadian icons to town. We extended the intermission because so many people were lined up for CDs."

Proceeds from the concert went to the MVAS in preparation for the 2013 Mountain View Arts Festival, coming in September, she noted. Valdy is a Canadian folk musician

whose solo career began in the early

1970s and is known for the single "Rock and Roll Song," his first main-stream song released in 1972.

He is the winner of two Juno Awards for Folk Singer of the Year and Folk Entertainer of the Year, and has received seven additional Juno nominations

Gary Fjellgaard is a Canadian country music singer-songwriter. He has released 15 albums and charted 35 songs on the RPM magazine's Country Tracks chart between 1977 and 1996.

Fjellgaard's song "Riding on the Wind" was named Single of the Year in 1985 by the Canadian Country

Music Association (CCMA).

Windsor said one fan brought in a program from the 1990s for an auto-

graph.
"Another had been nervous about taking her husband to a concert at all, but he had an absolute blast," she added

"Many people took our brochure and asked about volunteering with the Arts Society," she said. "We're really looking forward to hearing from them.



Gary Fjellgaard performs to a packed house at the Multi-Purpose room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on April 11.



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Fashion show fundraiser raises \$16,500 for helipad

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

The Rosebud Health Foundation (RHF), part-nering with Fashions on hosted a fashion show Saturday, April 20 at the Elks Hall in support of a new helipad at the hospital.

The fashion The fashion show brought in about \$16,500 from donations, ticket sales, and a silent auction, according to RHF board member Clem Kuelker.

He noted that the RHF itself also donated \$125,000 as seed money for the helipad at the

Albert Olhauser, chair for the RHF said a guest speaker came to the show.

"Her name was Valina Pope, and STARS refers to her as a VIP - a Very Important Patient," said Olhauser. "She's from Three Hills and she was there to share the story her experience with STARS when she was in

"I think, in short, the fashion show received a tremendous amount of support and praises - Ursula (Krebs) got 20 calls the next day from ladies thanking her for the event," he added.

He said everybody had a lot of fun and that he is definitely hoping to do it again.

"Plus, it gives the ladies a chance to get out and visit with their friends and have some fun," he added.

As far as fundrais-ing for a new helipad is concerned, Kuelker said the RHF is getting a lot of good response from individuals in the community.

"And as we go on with the helipad situation and all of the t's are crossed and the i's are dotted with all the organizations involved to put this together...after th all is completed we do believe that a lot of organizations will come on board and help raise the

necessary funds to bring it to a conclusion," said

Kuelker. He said some residents don't understand why the RHF is pushing to raise money for a new helipad, but noted that there are many town resources spent when STARS needs to conduct

an emergency landing. "There's no secret that when a landing happens they've got to clear the parking lot, lock the church, bring in the fire department and police. Then they've got to transport the equipment or patient to the hospi-tal," he noted. tal.

Once the \$500,000 helipad is put in, heli-copters will be able to land and take off without any extra assistance, and will also be able to fast-track patients and equipment on their ways to and from the hospital. he said, noting that in many situations involving STARS, mere minutes can make a large difference.



The ladies of Dardanells Chapter IODE Carstairs presented a cheque for \$2,500 to Albert Olhauser at the fashion show on April 20 at the Elks Hall in town. From left to right are Olhauser, Pat Van Tetering, Marylin Kary, Toni Bennette, Christel Foster, Rose Weigel, and

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Opinion

Oil sands stakes couldn't be higher

The federal and provincial governments have announced a joint project to increase public access to monitoring data about the Alberta oil sands - an effort both levels of government say should reassure residents and others, including foreign corporations and governments.

The new online data portal (www.jointoilsands-monintoring.ca) allows access to government environmental monitoring data on air, water, land and biodiversity in the oil sands.



As one of the vital eco-nomic drivers of both the Alberta and Canadian economies, the success or fail-ure of the oil sands is and should be of keen interest to all Albertans.

Although there are no oil sands developments in West Central Alberta, without the billions of dollars generated by the oil sands projects in northern Alberta, resi-dents and communities here would certainly feel a dramatic negative impact on

healthcare, education, infrastructure and other

spending. Alberta Environment Minister Diana McQueen says the new data portal project should help to reassure everyone that Alberta is doing all it can to make sure the oil sands are developed and managed in an environmentally responsible manner.

"Alberta is proud to co-lead the development and implementation of this world-class, sciencebased monitoring program for the oil sands," said Minister McQueen.

"By openly reporting on our data and our progress, we are ensuring the rest of the world recog-nizes our commitment to responsible and sustain-able resource development."

Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent added:

"With this portal, our respective governments are actively encouraging informed discussions and

analysis on the impacts of oil sands development based on high-quality scientific information."

The biggest threat to oil sands development is not from within the county, but rather from out-side Canada, where critics have been trying very hard over the past many years to make categorize Alberta's oil sands production as 'dirty oil' that is environmentally unsustainable and therefore to be avoided.

If foreign markets turned their back on Alberta oil sands oil, it would kill the industry in short

As such this latest federal-provincial effort to make data about the oil sands more readily available is a good step in combating the critics' conten-tions that the Redford and Harper governments are more interested in profits than in environmental protection when it comes to oil sands develop-

However, access to monitoring data should in no way be construed as a substitute for ongoing and open enforcement of violations of environmental standards and rules by the oil sands developers.

The best way to protect the long-term viability of the vital Alberta oil sands economic engine is to make sure it is as clean and safe as possible, for everyone's sake.



Commentary

Why Didsbury should keep the pool

I am writing this to express my most heartfelt con-cerns regarding the closing of the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. To be honest, I lack the specifics as to why such a proposal has been put forth, but I feel obligated to speak about some of my experiences and why I think closing the Aquatic Centre would be a

mistake on the town's behalf.

For those who don't know who I am, my name is Jillian Tyler. I was a resident of Didsbury up until
the age of 15. For the past

16 years of my life I have been a competitive swimmer. I have competed at two Olympic Games, the World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships and the Pan American Games. I won an individual NCAA title and have been a national champion numerous times over

As an Olympian, I am often asked about my past, 'my story' - where it all began and how I got to where I am

today. I would like to share that story with you because it directly reflects the possibilities that arise with the uncertainty of the future of the Aquatic Centre in Didsbury, a town I am proud to say I am from.

I was born and raised in Didsbury - the first pic-ture I have of myself is with my mother standing in front of the Didsbury Hospital. My father, Ron Tyler, has worked at Ross Ford Elementary School

At eight years of age, and with the prodding of my mother, I took a leap of faith and joined the local swim club - the Didsbury AquaJets. Up until that point, my times spent at the pool were for recreational use (going there for gym class on Fridays in the spring was always a highlight of grade school), and taking swim lessons (I had to repeat the maroon level three times because I could not quite get the

hang of the elementary backstroke).

Over the next couple of years, I continued to develop as an athlete into a swimmer who spent the entire school year waiting for May to arrive so I could train with the AquaJets and see my swim club friends. I loved the idea of training hard and took every opportunity I could to build upon the previous year's accomplishments and work at making the ext year even better.

Swimming is one those sports that allows cially for young children - athletes to tangibly witness their improvement over time.

As a kid, pulling yourself out of the pool at the end of a race and achieving a personal best ribbon was the best feeling any kid could ask for.

Of course, the joy in club swimming extended far beyond its competitive aspects. Fridays were the best, since we would have a short workout followed by free time on the new slide and we enjoyed the ance to just chill with each other.

Weekends were spent driving to different cities and towns to compete against other club teams. The parents and families of team members would stake their spots outside the pool area with tents or inside with coolers of food and blankets and just hang out, walking over to the pool to compete and cheer on fellow teammates.

Every summer we came together to form one giant wim family, and when it was over, we couldn't wait

to do it all over again.

I still speak to, and am friends with, some of the swimmers I swam with during my summer club swimming days, back when I was eight years old. The ability to form lasting relationships was something I was exposed to at a very young age. Traveling to new locations, meeting new people, and being put in unique circumstances (whether it be having to wait for hours while it thundered outside in Hanna every year - without fail - or adjust to a unique living situa-tion in the Olympic Village) are all experiences that have served me well over the years

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 pm. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: May 14 meeting has been CANCELLED. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, May 8 at 4:30 p.m. Inless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office

TOWN OF DIDSBURY HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER AT LARGE

The Town of Didsbury has an opportunity for a citizen to sit as nember-at-large on the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC). The Heritage Advisory Committee assists the town on matters of heritage, such as the designation of Historic Resources.

Other responsibilities may include:

- Complete all actions and procedures as outlined in the Heritage Management Plan
- Submit recommendations to Council
- Report to Council as required

The HAC is currently working, with the assistance of staff and heritage consultants, to develop the Heritage Management Plan for Council approval later this year. The Heritage Management Plan will provide the method for designating historic resources, conserving the rich architectural history of Didsbury and making the properties eligible for applications for funding from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. Membership on the HAC is open to both Town of Didsbury and Mountain View County residents, with first priority given to Town of Didsbury residents.

> Please send your letter of interest (a resume is also welcome) to: Karen Henry, Manager of Planning and Infrastructure PO Box 790 Didsbury, AB TOM 0W0 Email: khenry@didsbury.ca

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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER AT LARGE

The Town of Didsbury has an opportunity for a citizen to sit as a member-at-large on the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC).

The Commission has the following functions and duties:

- Advise and assist Council on the planning for orderly, economical and beneficial development and use of land within the Municipality
- Serve as subdivision authority to exercise subdivision powers and duties or behalf of the municipality pursuant to Section 623 of the Municipal Government Act
- Serve as development authority to exercise development duties on behalf of the municipality for those matters referred to it by the Development Officer pursuant to the Land Use Bylaw and in accordance with Section 624 of the Act
- Recommend to Council subdivision fees as required
- Approve subdivision names, street names, and address numbers for each lot in the municipality
- Perform on behalf of Council any other duties or functions assigned to the Planning Commission by Council

The MPC meets the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 4:30 n. Members-at-large are appointed for a two year renewable term

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May 1 and May 8

Rotary club of Didsbury and Carstairs meets every Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Country Nook Restaurant 1414 20 Avenue (in front of the Didsbury Motel). Appetizers will be served – supper may be purchased to follow. Newcomers are welcome. Call Ernie Ryckman at 402 335-4739 for more info.

May 2 and May 9

1:30 pm. An invitation to all seniors to come enjoy the Friends and Fun Program at the Eldon Foote Hall (train station). A weekly free program of games, activities and special events. If a ride is required, please call 403-335-4391.

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Westerdale 27th Annual Spring Fling (Steak Supper & Dance). Saturday, May 4 at 6:00 pm at Westerdale Hall. Tickets: \$20.00 each available from Club Members or call 403 335-4498, 335-4145

May 6

Come jam at Melvin Hall from 7 to 9 pm. Dancers welcome!

May 8

Cemetery Committee will be cleaning headstones during May Monarch Week on May 8, 2013 beginning at 1 pm. Join with the Principal and Students from Didsbury High School to beautify our Cemetery and show respect to our past. Contact Frankie at 403-335-3633 for details

Friends of the Didsbury Library book sale. Friday, May 10 12 Noon to 7 pm and Saturday, May 11 from 9 am to 2 pm. Didsbury Lawn Bowling Club. 1619 22 Avenue. Pay by donation. All proceeds to Didsbury

May 14

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast Tuesday May 14 9:30 AM at Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym, Didsbury. This month's feature is Patio Gardening with Pat Crothers. For reservations or more info call Ann

May 17

Movie matinee at the Library at 2:00 pm. *Admission is by donation. Bring your own snacks! TBA.

Word in the West Literacy Fest Friday from 4 to 8 pm at the Mtn. View County Building. Food, door prizes, puppets, printing, crafts and other fun activities for all ages. Special guest: author Lori Callaghan. Presented by the Libraries in Carstairs, Didsbury, Olds, Sundre and the Mtn. View Communities Adults Learning Society. All Free! All Fun! All Ages!

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ote your events in this column. Send info to didsburylibrary@prl.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

Questing in the Yukon

"You make friends with people

from all over ... You're sort of liv-

ing together in community halls

and not sleeping - ever."

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

Rochelle Byiers had a rare opportunity early last February as she was offered a position as a dog han dler in the Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race.

The event runs 1,000 miles - or 1,600 kilometres between Whitehorse, Yukon and Fairbanks, Alaska, with only nine checkpoints - some separated by more than 200 miles, said Byiers.

Her job was to take care of the dogs at checkpoints and to clean up the site after her musher, Randy MacKenzie, took off towards the next checkpoint.

"During the race I'm not allowed to touch his dog his sled, or his drop bags or even his straw," said

"(Our team was) there to bring him in, tell him where everything was, and I guarded the dogs to make sure none of them are fighting or fornicating or get

When MacKenzie left a checkpoint, Byiers and her partner would clean up the site - ensur-ing that all bedding hay was cleaned up - and then drive to the next checkpoint to await MacKenzie's arrival.

Unfortunately, it wasn't a good run for the team, as MacKenzie's dogs slowly whittled down to a team of eight from a team of 14 by the halfway point of the race - Dawson City.

The first two he dropped, one was the leader and she had a sore back. They were doing a lot of hills, so her harness kept getting tugged and it hurt her back and her hip," she explained.
"She was fine though. When we had her back on the

truck and she had had a few days of massage, she was back to perfect. The other dog that dropped - a team dog - had a shoulder problem.

At the third checkstop he dropped another leader dog that was suffering from a sore wrist.

The dog would have been fine after a bit of rest and massaging, but MacKenzie was getting tired after little to no sleep after a week of mushing, and Byiers couldn't advise him in any way, as it is against the

In Dawson City, one dog, Dallas, stopped eating before arriving, and then another leader, Dirk, got sick

and had to be dropped as well.

"The problem is without him, he had no other leader to run with...so as he did the mountain that means he would only have eight dogs pulling, and they were going to use a lot of calories and do a lot of work," she said.

"So he decided for the safety of the team he wasn't

going to go any further."

It was disappointing not to be able to finish the race, she said, but she did have a great time meeting people from around the world that came to participate in the

"It's called the international dog sled race, and it's labelled the world's toughest sled dog race. So every-

body's heard of the Iditerod - this one's harder." She noted that the Iditerod has between 23 and 26 checkpoints, whereas the Yukon Quest is the same

distance and only has nine checkpoints.

"It was interesting to be part of that and watch, having done the small Rosebud Run and then do the logistics of this huge race

She had to think for a moment to determine her favourite part of the trip,

but she said it would have to be the people she met.
"You make friends with people from all over. One

ROCHELLE BYIERS

of the other handlers in our group was a woman from Sweden and then Fred was a one-legged guy from up north somewhere near Ft. McMurray - he was our driver," she said.

The officials were also famous mushers at one time, and getting to know them was another highlight of the trip, she says.

"You're sort of living together in community halls and not sleeping – ever," she laughed. "Seriously, from Wednesday morning until Sunday night, I got 14 hours of sleep - broken - and that's just

before we came home."

Perhaps as disappointing as dropping out of the race is when she missed the opportunity to meet

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MacKenzie on the trail when he came into Dawson City.

The plan was to meet him on the trail so she could ride into the checkpoint on his sled with him, she said.

She explained that all the sleds have a GPS device that tracks their location, allowing crews to plan for their arrival and keep an eye on them in case of an emergency.

"Coming into Dawson, we were watching his progress. So it said 3 a.m. he's going to be in, then it said 1 a.m. he's going to come in, which meant he sped up a little.

"But you never know where he's going to stop, where he's going to restyou just don't know that, and the tracker doesn't know that either."

It was about 7 p.m. when she went to check on his progress before taking a nap, and it said he was still due at 1 a.m., she said.

She set her alarm for 11 p.m. so she would have time to get ready and meet him on the trail, but when she got up with her alarm and checked the computer, it told her he was due to arrive in 13 minutes.

"So I flew - I got dressed...I ran down to the information centre - which is where they come in on the main street - but I didn't see anybody."

She was sweating at this point – not a good thing in the sub-zero temperatures of the Yukon - and was standing in a hallway when one of the organizers came up and said that he was already there.

After loudly saying a poignant phrase, she and her team took off to the checkpoint, she said.

"This is what I was really looking forward to was that ride with him and his dogs so I could say I'd been on a piece of the Quest trail - well I missed that.

"We made our way across the ice bridge, we got over there and found him fast asleep, curled up with his dogs in the straw...I felt so bad, but he surprised everybody."

She explains that his tracker had died for some reason, leaving officials – and his team – in the dark.

MacKenzie is planning to give it another try eventually, she said, and she is hoping to be part of the team again. For



now though, she is focusing on training up for the Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Race.

The competition is a 100-mile race in the Yukon with mushers using skis instead of a sled, running from Dawson City to Fortymile and back over the course of two days.

Byiers and her friend are going to be the first women to ever do the race next year, she noted.

"I'm running out of excuses, because I wasn't sure if I had the dogs for it, but Randy (MacKenzie) has told me that he's going to lend me dogs if I need them."

Her brother wants to take photos for the event and has bought all the equipment to do it, too.

"I have no excuses anymore. I'm just getting nervous thinking 'What am I doing? This is stupid,' I've never skiied more than four miles and here I'm going to do 100."



Byiers poses with her own sled dogs at the Rosebud Run Dogsled Race on Dec. 8 last year.

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When I was 15, my family made the selfless decision to move to Calgary so that I could continue to pursue a higher level of swimming by training with a team year round (a decision I will be eternally grate-ful for). Up until that point, I experienced many successes and would go on to make my first Canadian National Team in 2006.

During my four years of collegiate swimming I saw more ups and downs than I had in my entire career up to that point. Success was again met with a newfound passion for swimming. My freshman year I qualified for my first Olympic team and ended up advancing to a semi-final in Beijing, China (I think it is important to note that the birth of my Olympic dream began while watching the Sydney Olympics on TV when I was ten).

The next year I qualified for my second Olympic team, and shortly after that I graduated with a degree in Journalism and got engaged and then married to my soul mate, Steve. This year has been special in that, after a wonderful 16 years of competing in the sport, I have decided to retire from swimming at the end of the summer.

My story began and will always end with the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. The lessons I have learned in life, the people I've met, the friends and memories I've made, the places I've travelled, the schools I've attended, and the man I share my life with, all have connections with the Didsbury Aquatic Centre

Maybe not everyone was there to remember the excitement we felt at the painting of the mural or the building of the waterslide. Maybe not every student who is taken to the pool for gym class on a Friday will enjoy getting in the water. Maybe not every town resident will agree with the cost of the pool's structural repairs and roof maintenance projected in this year's budget. Maybe not everyone who joins the AquaJets Swim Club will become Olympian.

But if I've learned one thing from growing up in a small town, it's having the opportunity to believe in yourself, to believe in your dreams, and being given the chance to make them come true - this is price ss. For me, it all began in a small town - Didsbury

To me, closing down the aquatic centre means residents will not have these opportunities. Not only the opportunity to achieve athletic goals, but also the opportunity to form memories, make friends, have fun experiences and learn lessons that

remain with you for life.

To me, the Didsbury Aquatic Centre is as integral to the town as the water tower or train station - it's always been there, and to be without it means to be

without a part of what makes Didsbury "Didsbury." Each summer I drive back and swim in the pool I used to call home. It seems a lot smaller to me but it is in no way less special. I walk through town, visit the shops, and drive by our old house and remi-nisce at where my life has taken me. None of this would have been possible without swimming and swimming would not have been possible without the Didsbury Aquatic Centre.

If you are someone who does not echo the same emotional connection to the pool as I, or care much about one person's personal experiences as a swimmer, I think it is also pertinent to point out the importance for people of all ages to have access to facilities that promote health and well-being as a way to battle obesity and instill quality lifestyle habits. I also know the importance to have a venue where residents of Didsbury can have the opportunity to take swim lessons and learn water safety. When I tell people what I do for a living it is surprising the number who inform me they do not know how to swim. And no matter what you think, I can almost guarantee you that at least one good memory of everyone's childhood (or adulthood) involves a pool, lake or ocean!

I encourage you to NOT close the Didsbury Aquatic Center. It is too valuable a resource for health, safety, and the potential to formulate dreams, which is what is most important for any person at the end of the day. When you start closing recreational facilities like this, it is only a matter of until other closures follow.

To read the unabridged version of this letter, log on to (www.didsburyreview.ca).

Firehouse News: **April**



Now that the snow has melted and spring is finally here to stay, the fire department is starting to shift focus from winter-related vehicle collisions to grass fires.

All around, the training is still the same, but we need to brush up on other skills that have not been utilized for a while, to be sure we are ready

to go in a moment's notice. When an outside fire is called in, whether it be a stubble fire or a fire in a ditch

caused by a tossed cigarette butt, our choice in what fire apparatuses we use change a bit. If the call is outside of town limits, we have to be

aware of what water sources are available in the area. This may mean calling in mutual aid from a neighbouring department to help shuttle water with a second tanker, or a second bush buggy to get into

those hard-to-reach areas.

The agreements between each municipality have been extremely useful in this regard.

Our training lately has been practising pumping and rolling, where a member is strapped to the box of the truck and flows water while the vehicle is in motion. This is extremely useful as it provides the nozzle man with a 360 degree view of their surroundings

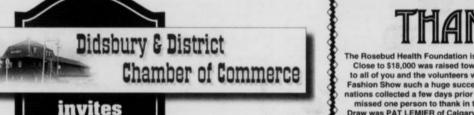
With the fire fighters out practicing flowing water, our training officer has been staying back to teach our new group of rookies the basics of being a firefighter.

Right now they are going through their personal protective equipment which includes the self-contained breathing apparatus. This is the best time to find out if any of them are claustrophobic. The month of April has been extremely quiet

with only five calls to date, with most of them being medical assists. There was also a vehicle collision on the QEII early one morning with two semi-trucks getting a little too close to each other when one went to pass the other.

Kyle Leeson is a member of the Didsbury Fire Department.

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Didsbury RCMP release results of 2012 performance plan

BY JARED SIEMENS MVP Staff

The Didsbury RCMP detachment has once again set its goals and initiatives as a part of its Regional Annual Performance Plan, which typically runs from April 1 until March 31 of each fiscal year, and in the process, has also released the outcome of last year's area performance.

The priorities chosen for the 2012/2013 year were chosen based on feedback received from communities in the area policed by the Didsbury RCMP, said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

We had a lot of success reaching the goals we had set for the detachment over the course of the year," said Jacobson.

The results were generated based on their activities within the detachment's entire jurisdiction, including Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, and the surrounding rural areas in Mountain View County.

The detachment's goal of increasing community visibility by undertaking 400 combined school patrols, school visits, and foot patrols was exceeded, with a total of 492 documented instances of this nature, said Jacobson.

Police aimed to build intel and reduce drug abuse in the communities by completing five community or school drug presentations, while developing sources and intelligence (though these specific goals are not released to the public).

"Our goals were met in our activity areas, with strong area intel continuing to be developed and utilized," Jacobson said.

Property victimization was deterred through a combined total of 375 evening bar walks (visitations to local establishments) and evening persons checks, exceeding their goal of 350 he said.

Police also provided the public with continued information regarding the prevention of property related victimization, namely through partnerships with local media by sharing information specific to

The detachment contributed to the road safety of its service area through the Joint Force Operations (JFO), in which members of the detachment partnered with available community peace officers on a monthly basis

"In total, there were eight JFOs conducted, although resource shortages impacted the ability to arrange full day operations throughout the detachment area," said Jacobson.

Other traffic related goals included a continued focus on seatbelts, speeding, and intersection safety, with the aim of making 500 vehicle stops in relation

to crimes of this nature, he said.
"This initiative was met, with 503 tickets and warnings (combined) written."

Jacobson said the goal was met largely due to the Carstairs position member, Cst. Sheldon Krasniuk, having available time to focus on traffic duties in Carstairs, in comparison to the pro-active time avail-

able to the detachment's general duty members.
"The detachment also obtained some additional funding from the district specific to having members

come in on days off and focus entirely on high visibility traffic enforcement during the last one-and-a-half months of the fiscal year," he said. Contributions to healthier domestic living situa-

tions were made through partnership with Victim Services to partake in its 12-week healthy conflict program, he said.

A partnership with local media also helped to raise

awareness of domestic issues and encourage victims to report assaults and threats of bodily harm

were pleased with the efforts of local papers

and the results of the program," he said.

After having conferred with area communities, the 2013/2014 annual performance plan initiatives include three priorities: community visibility, contributions to safer roads, and a reduction in the abuse

of drugs The Didsbury RCMP detach-ment set the following goals on the basis of those priori-ties: 250 patrols Cremona;

300 combined ar walks, foot atrols, and visits; chool 400 speed, intersection, and eatbelt tickets or warnings; 200 combined school zone patrols; 30 drug charges or warn-ings; and 15 drug presentations in area schools.

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Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP stands next to a squad car at the detachment on April 26

Vehicle stolen

resident returned home last month, after spending time out of town, only to find that their vehicle had been stolen, say police.

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The vehicle was discovered missing on the evening of April 15, on the 1600 block of 25 Avenue, said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

The licence plate of the 2006 Chevrolet Silverado is FUH it also appeared somebody had tried to enter a shop on the property, but was unsuccessful, he said.

Police are asking anybody who may have witnessed anything suspicious prior to the date of discovery, or who may have seen the vehicle, to call the Didsbury RCMP or Crime Stoppers

Break and enter at golf club

The Didsbury Golf Club was broken into between the evening

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of April 22 and the following morning, said Jacobson.

Someone broke into the busiand made off with a pellet gun, he said, noting that nothing else was reported stolen.

Car prowlings

Following a rash of thefts in both Didsbury and Carstairs, police are urging residents to lock up their vehicles

In recent weeks, there have been multiple instances of culprits prowling the streets and checking for unlocked vehicles to burgle, according to Cpl. Clint Gulash

With this one in particular, on 14 Street in Didsbury, we had vehicles rummaged through. Loose change was taken and an

said Gulash.

Another recent incident included gas being siphoned from vehicles in the industrial area, he said.

"With the weather changing and people staying out later and getting up to no good, I know we say this a lot but keep your vehicles locked," he said.

"Because these are mostly crimes of opportunity, for the car prowlings and rummagings. The vehicles are unlocked and they're just checking door handles. If the door's open they'll take a look and see what they can find.'

He said police are consistently putting out the message but many residents are not aware of the problem.

"In the winter months people tend not to hang outside because of the weather, but along with the nicer weather, they're able to hang outside longer without that worry," he noted.



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heart attack in 1947, but returned to school to finish his grade 12 in 1949, then returning to finish his grade 12 in 1949, then returning to farm to care for his adoptive parents for their lifetime. He had livestock: pigs, dairy cattle and range cattle. He grew grains, oilseeds and pulses. He began growing pedigreed seed in 1972 and continued until his death, 41 years. He loved playing hockey in high school and in old timers leagues. He loved sharing Flames games tickets with friends and family or watching the NHL. Ed served on many boards including Neapolis Co-op, Rural Electrical Association, School and others. Ed went to the hospital February 3, 2013, and went to the hospital February 3, 2013, and then to long term care in Calgary and Didsbury. He was predeceased by his parents Gerhard and Susanna Peters. Left to mourn Gerhard and Susanna Peters. Left to mourn are his wife, Katherine Helen along with his children Delores (Phil), Doug, Diane, and Bruce (Chris); his grandchildren Daniel, Morgan and Carolyn (Delores); Joel, Danielle, Selena and her son Ezio (Doug); Twila, Tanis and her husband Gordon, Reg and Colin (Diane); and Josh and Ross (Bruce). Messages of condolences may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca family at www.mvalternatives.ca



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